

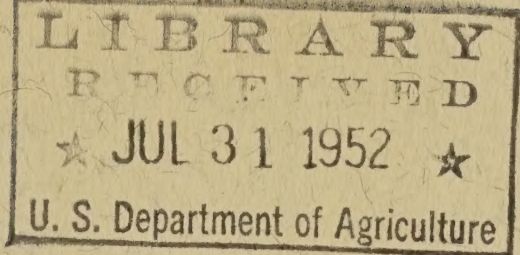
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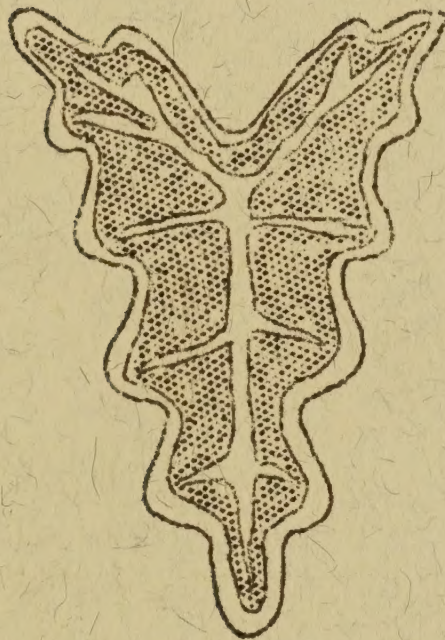


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# FANTASTIC GARDENS

So. Miami, Fla.



## RARE PLANT LIST

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In sending out this list of plants, we of FANTASTIC GARDENS are hoping you will be pleased to find so many plants that are so difficult to locate. Our collection of tropical shade plants is possibly the most extensive in this country on a commercial basis.

Many of the plants are first offerings, others are so rare that we are not able to keep them in stock very long. We are not bringing to special attention many items that are extremely limited as that sometimes creates an unnatural desire for them; we prefer to have the new owner get the plants on their real merit. If the descriptions are not complete enough, please forgive us (we do not have thousands of plants for sale, just a few of each kind) and we hope the short descriptions will give you an idea of what the plant is like. But PLEASE use the good literature on plants such as:

The Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture and  
Hortus Second by L. H. Bailey  
Tropical Planting and Gardening - L. H. Macmillan  
The Cultivated Aroids - M. R. Birdsey

COLOR SLIDES: We have a collection of color slides which are available to Garden Clubs and specialized plant societies. Secretaries should write for details on club stationery. Our extensive collection contains many specimen plants which are shown in their full glory by this means.

GENERAL TERMS: Cash with order. We ship by prepaid Parcel Post on all orders of \$5.00 or more to any point in the United States. On orders of less than \$5.00, please include 75¢ to cover cost of postage, packing and handling.

We do not like to ship during cold weather. Our shipping season is normally between May 1st and October 1st. Upon special request, we will ship plants at other seasons, but wish it to be understood that it would be entirely at the buyer's



risk.

We make all shipments in paper pots as we have found that the plants usually arrive in perfect condition by this method of packing. It saves weight and there is no danger of shifting within the package.

Since the staff of the U. S. Post Office has been curtailed, there has been more and more trouble in the handling of perishable material. In the past, plants sent by regular mail have usually had reasonable handling. Today, unless packages are sent SPECIAL DELIVERY, no matter how perishable, they are not given any special consideration and are often delayed beyond reason. We do not advise Special Handling as it gets no different handling than ordinary parcel post (at least in this area). AIR MAIL is expensive but by far the most satisfactory method of shipping perishable material, and I personally use it when I am having rare plants sent to me. If you wish any of these services, please mention it in your order carefully underlined, and include enough money to cover as near as you can estimate. SPECIAL DELIVERY is 35¢ up to 2 lbs. (1 to 2 plants depending on size); 45¢ for 2 to 10 lbs. (approx. 3 to 10 plants); 60¢ over 10 lbs. (more than 10 plants). AIR MAIL is 80¢ per lb. and a two pound package would be a minimum shipment.

We will ship by prepaid Railway Express on orders of \$20. or more. This is a more satisfactory method of shipping than parcel post. Packages are handled more carefully than in the mails and any claims for goods damaged are adjusted by the Express Co. If you want smaller orders of plants delivered by Railway Express, please tell us and we will send them Express Collect.

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CLAIMS for damaged shipments must be filed immediately with the carrier by the consignee..



Also notify us at once and we will try to help you. We make every effort to pack carefully but our responsibility ends when the shipment is accepted by the carrier.

## AROIDS

**ANTHURIUM** - A large genus which contains some of the finest foliage plants as well as flowering types. They are comparatively slow growing plants. Perfect drainage is essential. Recommend using a lot of well placed crock at bottom of pot and a large proportion of osmunda chunks with leaf-mold and fine charcoal for potting mixture. As the stems with their new roots develop above the pot, cover with strips of osmunda.

**Anthurium andreanum hybrids** - The exotic flowering Anthurium. The waxy flowers last 6 to 8 weeks and come in shades of pink, rose and red. Flowering size plants \$6.00 to \$8.50. Seedlings to bloom in about a year \$2.00 to \$3.00. Do not specify color of seedlings.

**Anthurium bakeri** - A graceful, narrow strap-leaf type, grown for its colorful, long lasting red berry clusters. Medium plant \$1.50

**Anthurium caribbeum** - A large growing plant raised for its bold heart-shaped leaves. Stands neglect. Small plant \$1.50 to \$2.50

**Anthurium carneum (nymphaefolium x andreanum)** - A rare hybrid for those looking for bold foliage as well as colorful flowers, blush through red. Robust plant. Flowering size \$4.50; small plant \$1.50

**Anthurium crystallinum** - An aristocrat, dark velvety green leaves with silvery crystalline veins. Small plant \$1.25; medium plant \$2.50

**Anthurium cristo-andreanum** - A hybrid between A. crystallinum and A. andreanum. Reddish flowers, satiny green leaves. Small plant \$1.50 to \$2.00

**Anthurium cristo-forgetii (A. crystallinum x forgetii)** A hybrid with peltate leaves of crystallinum type. Medium plant \$1.50 to \$2.50

**Anthurium warocqueanum** - One of the rarest and finest



of all foliage plants. Very long narrow heart-shaped leaves with silver veins on a velvet green background. An extremely scarce plant. Small plant \$10.00

ALOCASIA - Very choice plants, grown for their decorative, richly colored foliage. They do best potted in loose sphagnum moss in well drained pots. They like organic or soluble fertilizer and constant moisture.

*Alocasia cuprea* - Large bronze quilted leaves with under surface deep purple. Medium plant \$5.00

*Alocasia sanderiana* - Striking waxy green scalloped leaves, boldly margined and veined with white. Small plant \$5.00

*Alocasia chantrieri* - (*cuprea* x *sanderiana*) A hybrid between two of the best alocasias. Small plant \$5.00

*Alocasia longiloba* - Large grower with arrow-shaped leaves, veined and margined with white. Med. plant \$4.00

*Alocasia macrorrhiza variegata* - Arrow-shaped leaves, beautifully marbled with ivory. Small plant \$1.50

*Alocasia hybrid.* (*sanderiana* x *lowi-grandis*) - Leaves very dark green, sharply defined veins in white with ruffled white margins. Small plant \$7.50

*Alocasia whinkii* - A very large growing type, leaves leathery, waxy dark green above, purple underneath. Prices on request.

*Alocasia hybrids* - We have other hybrids than those listed, these are taller growing types. Prices on request.

*Xanthosoma lindenii* - Medium sized arrow-shaped emerald green leaf with prominent white venation. Distinctly different from the *Alocasias* to which it is related. Medium plant \$5.00  
Delivery after August 1st.

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SPATHIPHYLLUM - A genus of aroids grown for their attractive flowers. Erroneously called "White Anthuriums". Very easy culture, like lots of moisture and less light than most plants.

*Spathiphyllum cannaefolium* (S. patini) - Broad dark green leaves to two feet long. Large fragrant white flowers. Med. plant \$2.00

*Spathiphyllum clevelandii* (S. candidum) - A very desirable house plant which stands dark conditions very well. Many glossy strap leaves, white flowers in the spring. Medium pl. \$1.50

*Spathiphyllum floribundum* - True to its name, it flowers constantly with small, velvety white flowers. Never grows large. Small pl. \$2.50

PHILODENDRONS, etc. The following are rare or choice tropical plants, mostly vines, which are grown for their interesting foliage. They are not very particular as to the kind of soil they like, but a loose, well-aerated soil is the best. These plants hold up quite a long time even if placed some distance from the source of light.

*Philodendron andreanum* - This striking rarity has long satiny leaves that are dark olive green. The finest of the genus. Small plant \$7.50; medium plant mounted on natural cork bark \$10.00

*Philodendron crassinervum* - Long, narrow foliage with broad, thick midrib and petiole. Small plant \$1.50

*Philodendron cruentum* - A new species with red on underside of leaves. Small plant \$1.50

*Philodendron gloriosum* - Beautiful satiny dark green heart-shaped leaves with broad white midrib. Choice. Small plant \$2.00 to \$3.00

*Philodendron guttiferum* - Leaves black-green, arranged opposite on stem, making it an unusual climber. Small plant \$2.00



- Philodendron lacineatum* - A small grower with unusual shaped leaves, strongly cut margins. Small plant \$1.25
- Philodendron mandianum* - Large bronzy-green leaves; new growth and stem red. Small plant \$1.50
- Philodendron panduriforme* - Small grower with fiddle-shaped leaves. Small plant \$1.00
- Philodendron pittieri* - Heavy textured heart-shaped leaf. Small plant \$1.50
- Philodendron squamiferum* - Startling, different. The oddly shaped leaves have a red bristly stem. Medium plant \$2.00
- Philodendron varifolium* - S small neat plant, leaves marked with gray splotches; new. Small plant \$1.50
- Philodendron wendlandi* - An unusual self-heading philodendron shaped like a bird's nest fern, leaves in a rosette, erect. Medium plant \$3.50 to \$5.00
- Monstera deliciosa* (also known as *Philodendron pertusum*) - Well known but most desirable. Large leaves are perforated and slit. Small plant \$2.00 to \$3.50
- Monstera friedrichstahli* - "Lace Leaf Monstera" so called from its exceedingly perforated leaves. Must climb for best effect. Small plant \$2.50
- Monstera nechodomi* - Mature leaves like palm fronds; dark green parallel segments cut to midrib. Must always climb to grow big leaves. Small plant \$3.50
- Monstera* sp? - "Shingle Plant" - The round overlapping leaves look almost artificial as they cling so closely to their support. July delivery. Medium plant \$5.00
- Scindapsus aureus* var. "Golden Pothos" - A superior variety with very bright golden yellow variegations. Small plant 75¢
- Scindapsus aureus* var. "Pothos Marble Queen" Leaves creamy white with green markings. Showy. Medium plant 75¢



*Scindapsus pictus* var. *argyreus* (*Pothos argyreus*)  
Small oval satiny dark green leaves with  
beautiful silver markings. A very attrac-  
tive small climber. Small plant 50¢

*Syngonium auritum* - Three-parted leaves, very dark  
green; attractive. Medium plant \$1.25

*DIEFFENBACHIA* etc.- Erect growers with attractively  
marked and variegated leaves, of easy culture  
but benefited by extra peat in soil.

*Dieffenbachia amoena* - Large growing, most hardy  
of the *diffenbachias*. Heavy dark green  
leaves striped with cream. Large plant \$2.25

*Dieffenbachia bausei* - Different, creamy-green  
leaf with midrib and margin dark green;  
spotted with ivory and dark green. Medium  
plant \$2.50

*Dieffenbachia picta* - Dark green leaves liberally  
spotted with cream markings. Small plant  
75¢; medium plant \$1.75

*Dieffenbachia picta* var. *Roehrsi* - New leaves  
nearly white with dark green margins.  
Small plant \$1.00; medium plant \$2.00

*Dieffenbachia splendens* - Small growing type;  
beautiful, with subtle variegations and  
a silky sheen. Small plant \$1.25, medium  
plant \$2.00

*Aglaonema commutatum* - "Variegated Chinese  
Evergreen" - Thick dark green leaves with  
subtle variegations of silver. This and  
the next plant will also do well in water  
or gravel. Small plant 60¢

*Aglaonema costatum* - Clusters of dark green  
beautifully spotted leaves coming directly  
from the soil; rare. Medium plant \$1.50

*Aglaonema roebelini* (*Schizmatoglottis roebelini*)  
*Dieffenbachia*-like plant with heavier  
texture and more compact growth. Leaves  
with gray markings. Medium plant \$1.50



ACANTHACEAE - A family of interesting flowering and foliage shade plants, most of them need frequent watering and regular fertilizing.

*Acanthus montanus* - Dark green mottled Thistle-like leaves. Source of the ancient Greek acanthus design of the Corinthian capital. Small plant \$1.00

*Aphelandra chamissoniana* - Light green leaves with feather pattern of white. Interesting square flower head of yellow bracts with yellow tubular flowers. Small plant \$1.00

*Crossandra infundibuliformis* - One of the best plants for blooming is semi-shade; spikes of soft orange flowers on a low shrub. Small plant \$1.00

*Fittonia argyroneura* - Attractive dwarf grower with green leaves beautifully netted with white veins. Choice. Small plant 60¢

*Fittonia verschaffeltii* - Like above but leaves larger and netted with red. Rare. Small plant \$1.00

*Hemigraphis colorata* - A small, low growing plant with silvery green leaves, purple beneath. Small plant 50¢

*Ruellia makoyana* - A neat plant with small dark leaves, white midrib. Flowers bright pink. Small plant 75¢

*Strobilanthes dyerianus* - New leaves with a most startling iridescent purple color. Small plant 60¢

CALATHEA AND MARANTA - Plants with strikingly beautiful leaf markings which require moist shady conditions and loose peaty soil.

*Calathea kegeliana* (*C. argyrea*) - Large silver gray leaves with several dabs of dark green on both sides of center. Medium plant \$2.50

*Calathea undulata* - Upright grower, dark green leaves with lighter green shading and wavy margins. Medium plant \$1.25

*Calathea leitzii* - Superior to above, larger and more brightly marked. Medium plant \$2.00



- Calathea vandenheckei* - Low grower, leaves dark green with three broad silvery stripes above; purplish red beneath. Med. plant \$1.25
- Calathea louisae* - Larger grower. Broad leaves, light green with oval dabs of darker color; reddish beneath. Small plant \$1.00
- Calathea ornata* (*C. roseo-lineata*) - Dark green leaves with many parallel pink stripes which run at an angle to the midrib, purple beneath. Medium plant \$1.50
- Maranta leuconeura* var. *kerchoviana* - The "Prayer Plant". Oval leaves, light green marked with oval spots of brown. Medium plant 50¢
- Ctenanthe openheimiana* - Strikingly marked oval leaves, gray on green. Medium plant \$2.00
- PEPEROMIA AND PIPER - These are mostly small plants, some with a cascading habit. The larger growing types will grow well in any garden soil but the smaller ones prefer a gravelly peat mixture, or even better in osmunda like orchids. These plants like moisture but cannot bear to be in soil that becomes waterlogged. Some small varieties come in handy to cover the pots of tall plants and most of the trailing kinds are beautiful in hanging baskets.
- Peperomia galiodes* (*P. minima*) - A miniature bushy plant densely covered with tiny green leaves with red stems. Small plant 50¢
- Peperomia incana* - Erect grower with downy, gray leaves. Small plant 75¢
- Peperomia resedaeflora* - Dwarf grower with rosettes of dark leaves, flowers with fragrance of mignonette. Small plant 75¢
- Peperomia rotundifolia* - Small rounded glossy leaves, red stems. Medium plant 75¢
- Peperomia sandersi* - "Watermelon Begonia" - round flat leaves with silver stripes. Small plant 50¢



*Peperomia species* - Not yet identified, but a beauty. Thick dark green oval leaves, red stem and lined with red beneath.  
Small plant \$1.25

*Peperomia scandens* - Strong vining type with pointed heart-shaped leaves. Small plant 50¢

*Piper magnificum* - Upright growing, large plant with fluted stem. Leaves dark glossy green, red beneath. Very rare and choice.  
Small plant \$2.50, medium plant \$5.00

## FERNS

*Asplenium auritum* - A graceful fern that produces quantities of tiny plantlets all over the surface of the older leaves.  
Small plant 75¢

*Platycerium alcicorne* - "Stag-horn Fern" - This and the following are epiphytic plants for the plant connoisseur who desires something rare and unusual. Require shade and humid conditions. August delivery. Med. Pl. \$7.50

*Platycerium grande* - The finest of the genus with large antler-like fronds wider than in *P. alcicorne*. Very rare. Plant mounted on natural cork bark \$12.00

*Nephrolepis duffii* - A miniature which is related to the Boston fern. Fronds one-half inch wide, one foot long, branching and forking at tips. Attractive. Medium plant 75¢

*Vittaria lineata* - "Shoestring Fern" Fronds one-eighth inch wide, but cascade downward two feet or more. Unusual. Small plant \$1.00



ZINGIBERACEAE - The plants listed all require a moist shady place. They are of easy culture in ordinary garden soil with leafmold or old manure added.

*Costus melacaulis* - Whorl of dark green oval hairy leaves on short stems. Medium pl. \$1.50

*Kaempfera roscoeana* - The two opposite beautifully marked leaves of this plant are stemless and open out flat. A fresh lavender flower opens each day from May to December.

Plants rest a while in late winter.

Medium plant \$1.50

*Zingiber darcyi* - A dwarf ginger with prettily variegated leaves. Rests in late winter.

Small plant \$1.50

#### TRAILING PLANTS

*Cissus albo-nitens* - Shiny light green leaves with a silvery sheen. This and the following are among the best hanging basket subjects.

Medium plant 75¢

*Cissus discolor* - One of the choicest foliage plants.

Leaves green, purple and silver.

Small plant 75¢; medium plant \$1.25

*Chlorophytum mandianum* (*Anthericum mandianum*)

Sometimes called "Airplane Plant". Rosette grower with white and green striped grass-like leaves. Graceful. Medium plant 75¢

*Hoya carnosa variegata* - "Variegated Wax Plant" New leaves pink, mature leaves green with white margin. Small plant 75¢

*Hoya carnosa exotica* - Opposite of above. Leaves white with green margin. Small plant 75¢

*Passiflora trifasciata* - A foliage passion vine that likes shade. Leaves prettily striped with pink; purple beneath. Small plant 75¢



## MISC. FOLIAGE PLANTS

- Bertolonia marmorata* - For the connoisseur this and the following are very choice items. Leaves with longitudinal white bands on dark background. Small grower. Medium plant \$2.50
- Sonerila margaretaea* var. *Mme. Baxtaele*. - Very choice and rare; the leaves densely covered with small pearl spots; pink flowers. Small grower. Medium pl. \$2.50
- Dizygotheca elegantissima* (*Aralia elegantissima*) Not at all like other araliads. Striking, finely cut bronze leaves, erect grower. Small plant \$1.25 Ready in July.
- Hoffmannia refulgens* - Compact, velvety bronze plant. New leaves wine red beautifully corrugated with deeply set nerves. Holds up under less light than many house plants. Medium plant \$2.50
- Hoffmannia* sp. Similar to above. A brand new introduction from the South American Jungles. Leaves emerald green with pinkish new leaves and petioles. Small plant \$1.50 Ready in July.
- Neanthe bella* (*Collinia elegans*) - Very dwarf palm from dense jungles of Central America. Graceful and very durable, will stand dark conditions well. Small plant 50¢, large pl. \$2.00
- Pereskia aculeata* var. *Godseffiana* - It's hard to believe this is a cactus with its golden leaves, pink beneath. Unusual. Small plant 75¢
- Pilea cardieri* - A new introduction. Broad (2" x 3½") green leaves beautifully marked with silvery white. Upright grower. Quite different and rare. Small plant \$1.00
- Tradescantia regina* - Showy erect plant with large leaves banded with silver. Quite different and rare. Small plant \$1.00

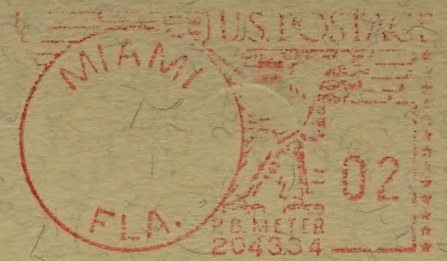






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